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Please include "PH Route 616 Comment" in the subject line.

Ten days after this public hearing, on December 26, 2015, the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT office address listed below.

After all comments have been addressed the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for consideration.

If approval of the major design features is received for this project, it will move forward to the final design phase. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

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Design Public Hearing

Route 616 (Dam Town Road)
Roadway Improvements
Augusta County

Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 4-6 p.m.
Clymore Elementary School
184 Fort Defiance Road
Fort Defiance, VA 24437

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on proposed improvements to Route 616 (Dam Town Road) in Augusta County. This project is 2.02-mile long and extends from 0.11-mile east of Route 777 to 2.13-mile east of Route 777.

This design public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the department comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project.

VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged.

All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

Project Overview



Route 616 (Dam Town Road)

Cost - \$3,979,113

Purpose - This project provides roadside improvements including drainage improvements to Route 616.

From - 0.11-mile east of Route 777

To - 2.13-mile east of Route 777

Total length - 2.02 miles

Improvements – This project includes shoulder widening, drainage upgrades, improved sight distance, pavement resurfacing, new signage and pavement markings.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Route 616 reconstruction project in Augusta County will consist of graded shoulder widening and roadside improvements, pipe replacements and drainage upgrades, as well as brush and tree removal for improved sight distance.

In addition to the work listed above, the project will have complete pavement resurfacing for the entire 2.02 miles, and new permanent signs and pavement markings.

This project extends from 0.11-mile east of Route 777 to 2.13-miles east of Route 777.

The main focus of this project is to enhance driver safety along the project corridor. Route 616 provides a main thoroughfare for school traffic as it serves three Augusta County public schools within a very close proximity.

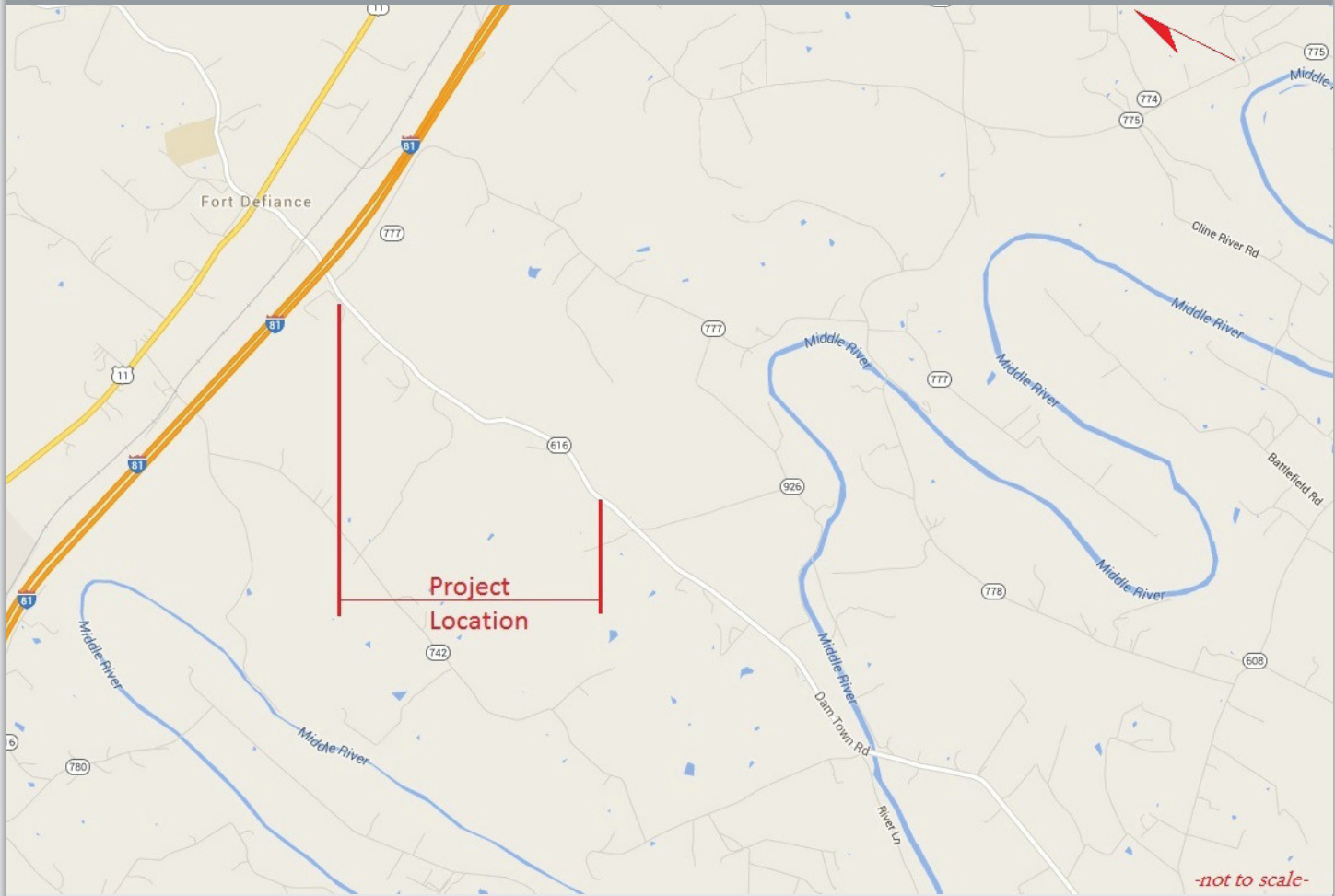
Project plans will be submitted for approval in spring 2016. Right of way activities will begin in late 2016 with construction in summer 2018.

In 2015, Route 616 had an average daily traffic count of 1,017 vehicles per day. The projected traffic volume in the year 2029 is 1,090 vehicles per day.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, stormwater regulations and the annual stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The construction of this project will conform to the nationwide best management practices, VDOT specifications and special provisions, and the Virginia Department of Soil and Water conservation regulations. Also, during construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion control. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

Potential impacts to the flood plains will be evaluated and addressed on this project.

Location Map



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:
\$3,979,113

Engineering of the Roadway Plans:
\$1,216,181

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance
and Utility Relocation:
\$1,595,670

Construction:
\$1,167,262

This cost is subject to change.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Staunton District Environmental Office has performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development; and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) NEPA document has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also provided in the environmental documentation.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals, and implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best management practices will protect the environment during construction.

The NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies are available at today's meeting. Representatives from VDOT's Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Consideration for Design Approval – Spring 2016

Begin Acquisition of Right of Way – Late 2016

Construction – Summer 2018

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed on the back of this brochure.

Right of Way

The construction of the project will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize the development of this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans.

The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way acquisition is discussed in VDOT's brochure entitled, *Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants*.

Copies of this booklet are available from a VDOT right of way agent.

After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.